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Title: LOCAL RETURNS OF REMOTELY PURCHASED  
MERCHANDISE WITH RETURN CODE VALIDATION

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 3, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and the comments.